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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Junichi HAGIHARA, et al.

PATENT NO: 6,344,752

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EXAMINER:

FOR: CONTACTOR AND PRODUCTION METHOD FOR CONTACTOR

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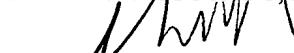
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STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

- The relevance of JP 11-145172 discloses a contact structure made by etching, photolithography, etc.
- The relevance of JP 11-133062 discloses a cantilever-shaped contact structure made by photolithography.
- The relevance of JP 8-50146 discloses an elastic contact element which has a contact tip end made by anisotropic etching and which is supported at one end.
- The relevance of JP 7-283280 discloses a contact element which has a contact tip end made by anisotropic etching.
- The relevance of JP 9-148389 discloses a probe card having a cantilever-shaped contact element made by photolithography.

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	AQ	8-50146	2/20/96	JAPAN (with English Abstract)			x
	AR	7-283280	10/27/95	JAPAN (with English Abstract)			x
	AS	9-148389	6/6/97	JAPAN (with English Abstract)			x
	AT	10-38916	2/13/98	JAPAN			x
	AU	8-15284	1/19/96	JAPAN			x
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